

WRITING ASSESSMENT

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The best gift I have ever received was my violin. It is special to me for many reasons. One reason is that I love to play the violin. I knew it took a lot of thought for my parents to buy it for me because it is very expensive. I also like my violin so much because it is the only one I've ever fully owned. My violin will always be my most special gift.

I have been playing violin for five years now. I started off playing a $\frac{1}{2}$ size violin when I was nine. I love to play the violin. I take lessons at school, and I am taught by my private teacher. Oh, and I also play with the Youth Symphony. Even though it may not be my job I will play the violin all my life.

Another reason I love my violin so much was the presentation my parents performed when they gave me the violin. I was practicing my ragidgy $\frac{3}{4}$ size rented violin in my room. My dad came in my room and said he needed me for a second. So I followed him in the den and then I saw my violin in its case wide open. It was under my fireplace light and it glistened.

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so beautifully. Then my dad turned to me and said, "It's yours." I guess I liked the presentation so much because it took time, thought, and care.

This is also the first violin I have ever owned. When I was nine I had to rent a $\frac{1}{2}$ size violin. I rented and played it for about a year and a half. Then my mom took me back to the music store and traded my $\frac{1}{2}$ size violin for a $\frac{3}{4}$ size violin. Like my first violin, it didn't possess very good quality. Still I played it and played it for another year or so. And that's when it happened. The day I was so longing to meet; I got my very own violin. I've had my new violin for about a year now. My private teacher says it's a really good one, and, if taken care of, it could last me twenty years. Whoa.

Playing the violin is my favorite thing to do. It takes a lot of hard work and practice, but once you've got it down it's amazingly fun. I have been playing the violin for five years. I will play for many years to come, along with my violin. My friend.

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This response reflects an outstanding degree of proficiency in expository writing skills. The writer's reasons are specific and well developed (I love to play the violin, it took a lot of thought for my parents, and it's the only one I've ever fully owned). Syntactic variety and facility in the use of language are clearly displayed and sustained (practicing my raggedy three-quarter size rented violin, glistened so beautifully, and the day I was so longing to meet). The response is well organized and unified.